

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Gorman Cummings House

2. Location

street & number Fairbank Road _____ not for publication

city, town Fairbank _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Fifth

state MD _____ county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles L. and Dorothy G. Cummings

street & number Fairbank Road _____ telephone no.: 886-2315

city, town Fairbank _____ state and zip code MD 21671

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court _____ liber 414

street & number Talbot County Courthouse _____ folio 18

city, town Easton _____ state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. T-820

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Gorman Cummings house stands on the west side of Fairbank Road in Fairbank on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. This two-and-a-half story frame house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built between 1900-1925, the Cummings house is clad in German siding and supported by brick piers reinforced with cinder blocks. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) facade has a one-story, full-width porch across the first floor which was enclosed by the present owners and clad in weatherboard. This first floor has a central door flanked by louvered windows. The second floor has three two-over-two sash windows with black louvered shutters. The windows have wide surrounds and flat crown mouldings. A small two-over-two sash window is set into the central cross gable at the attic story. The Cummings house has cornerboards and an open eave with exposed rafter feet.

The south elevation has two two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors. The roof of this south gable end is pierced with an interior brick chimney.

The west elevation has a projecting, two-story wing as the central bay. The west gable end of this wing has an interior chimney and no windows. The north and south sides of the wing are lit by two-over-two sash windows. A modern, one-story, shed addition is attached to the south end of this wing.

The north elevation has two two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors. An interior brick chimney rests at this north gable end.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Built by Gorman Cummings between 1900-1925, this house stands out in Fairbank because of its commanding size and generous lot. The use of German siding is unusual in Fairbank. The foundation is also unusually high for Tilghman. It is so high in fact, that Thomas Faulkner remembers playing under the Cummings house as a child in the 1930s.

The Cummings house is a contributing structure to the village of Fairbank.

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Norman Cummings House
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





